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BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA, 2003:

BUMBLEBEE:

SOMEWHERE ON THIS STRANGE, ALIEN PLANET, JUST *BEYOND* THE REACH OF MY SENSORS...

...LIES THE ALLSPARK!

THE HEART AND SOUL OF OUR PLANET, *CYBERTRON*—ITS LIFE-GIVING ENERGIES SUSTAINED US, NURTURED US...

...UNTIL WE TORE IT OUT!

TO KEEP IT FROM *MEGATRON*, WE SENT IT TO THE STARS. HE...

...FOLLOWED.

SO DID WE.

NOW IT'S A RACE. THEM-US. WINNER...

...TAKE ALL.

MY ROBOVISION SCANS THIS EARTH VEHICLE. IT WILL SUFFICE FOR A DISGUISE.



I HAVE *ONE* LEAD, ONE TENUOUS TRAIL THAT MAY OR MAY NOT LEAD TO THE ALLSPARK.

IN THE LOCAL TIME-UNIT DESIGNATED 1897...

...AN EXPLORER BY THE NAME OF CAPTAIN ARCHIBALD WITWICKY...

...DISCOVERED *SOMETHING* UNDER THE POLAR ICE. SOMETHING...

...THAT DROVE HIM *INSANE!*

IF MY SUSPICIONS ARE CORRECT, HIS BLOODLINE...


...MAY UNWITTINGLY HOLD THE *KEY* TO FINDING THE ALLSPARK!

SIR— SOMEONE'S SEARCHING ARCHIBALD WITWICKY'S MEDICAL RECORDS USING A WIRELESS SIGNAL. FROM JUST OUTSIDE THE ASYLUM.


THAT AREA HAS DAMPERS ALL OVER. THE STRENGTH OF THE SIGNAL REQUIRED TO ACCESS THE INTERNET THERE—

IT'S GOT TO BE HIM! N.B.E.-2!<sup>\*</sup>

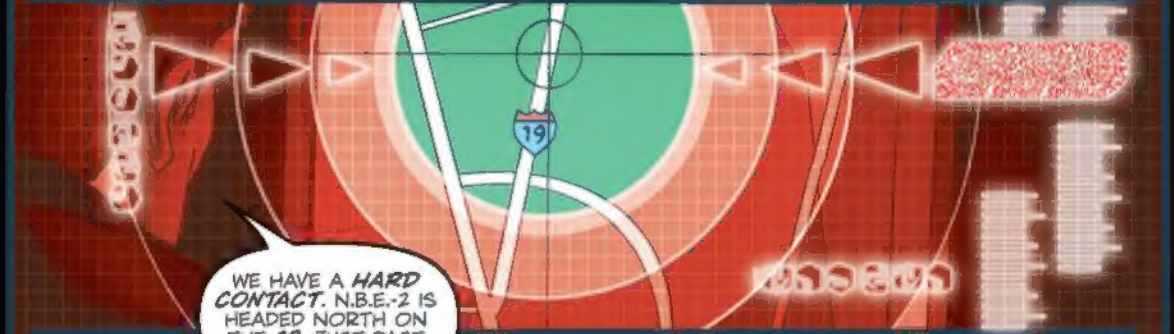
<sup>\*</sup>NON-BIOLOGICAL ENTITY.



"ALERT AGENT SIMMONS AND HAVE ALL AVAILABLE SECTOR 7 FIELD UNITS..."



"...CONVERGE!"



WE HAVE A **HARD CONTACT**. N.B.E.-2 IS HEADED NORTH ON THE 19, JUST PAST HIGHWAY 955-E.




ROGER, CONTROL...

...WE ARE IN THE SLIPSTREAM.

ESTIMATE INTERCEPT IN THREE MINUTES.

ROGER, MOBILE ONE. AND REMEMBER...



"...WE WANT HIM INTACT."



ACCORDING TO THE FILES,  
ARCHIBALD WITWICKY DIED  
ON AUGUST 13TH, 1938,  
AND WAS SURVIVED BY A  
SON, CLARENCE...



... THEN A RESIDENT IN  
SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI.

MY NEXT PORT OF CALL.



SOMEONE, THOUGH...




...HAS OTHER IDEAS!





THEIR ARMAMENTS ARE CRUDE...




...BUT EFFECTIVE!

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BUT, AS PAST OPPONENTS  
HAVE FOUND TO THEIR COST...

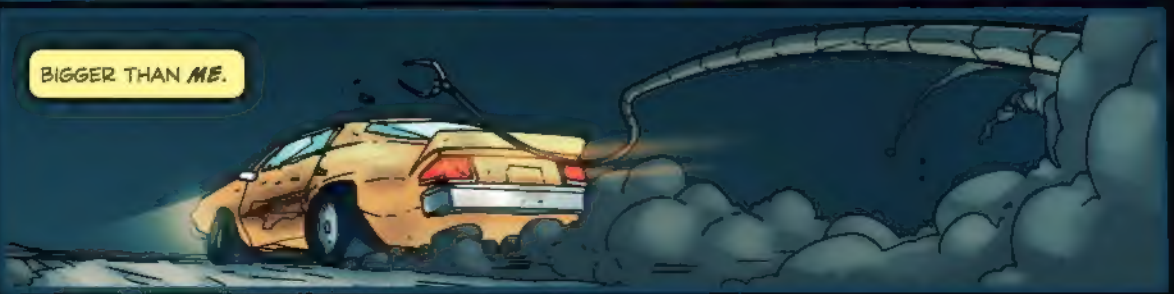


...THERE'S A LOT MORE TO  
ME THAN MEETS THE EYE.



I HAVE NO WISH TO  
CAUSE THEM INJURY,  
BUT THERE'S TOO  
MUCH AT STAKE TO  
LET *ANYONE* STAND  
IN MY WAY. THIS IS...  
*BIGGER* THAN THEM!

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BIGGER THAN *ME*.



SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI:

THE TRAIL...  
GROWS COLD.

ALL THE RIGHT  
MOVES  
**FOR  
SALE**

THE HABITATION IS *EMPTY*,  
ITS FOUR WALLS DEVOID OF  
FURTHER SIGNPOSTS.

IN NEAR DESPERATION...

...I *SCAN* THE HARD-DRIVE OF THE  
PORTABLE DATA STORAGE UNIT.

AND *FIND*...

...THE *ENTIRE* LIFE HISTORY OF THE  
HABITATION AND ITS LAST SEVERAL  
OWNERS, AMONG THEM... *HERBERT  
WITWICKY*, CLARENCE'S OFFSPRING.

MISSOURI  
DRIVER LICENSE

CLASS C

LICENSE NUMBER 514001255  
HERBERT WITWICKY  
150 JOHNSON STREET  
SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI



THE PROPERTY ITSELF WAS SOLD IN 1979  
AND THE PROCEEDS DIVIDED UP BETWEEN  
HIS *FIVE* SONS AND *ONE* DAUGHTER.

I START WITH THE OLDEST, *BEN*.





DENVER, COLORADO:

AND DRAW A BLANK.



NEXT STOP, TUCSON, ARI—

"TARGET..."



...REACQUIRED!



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RAP

I DON'T HAVE  
TIME FOR THIS.



"COMMENCING  
CRYO-FREEZE."

AS HE MAKES  
HIS MOVE...

...I MAKE MINE. SOLAR RECEPTORS...

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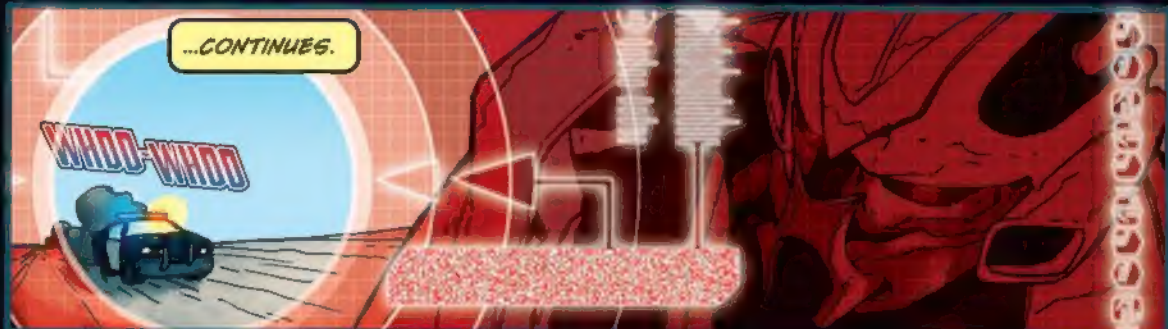
...BECOME EMITTERS!

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AND I'M GONE...

VA-ROOOOM



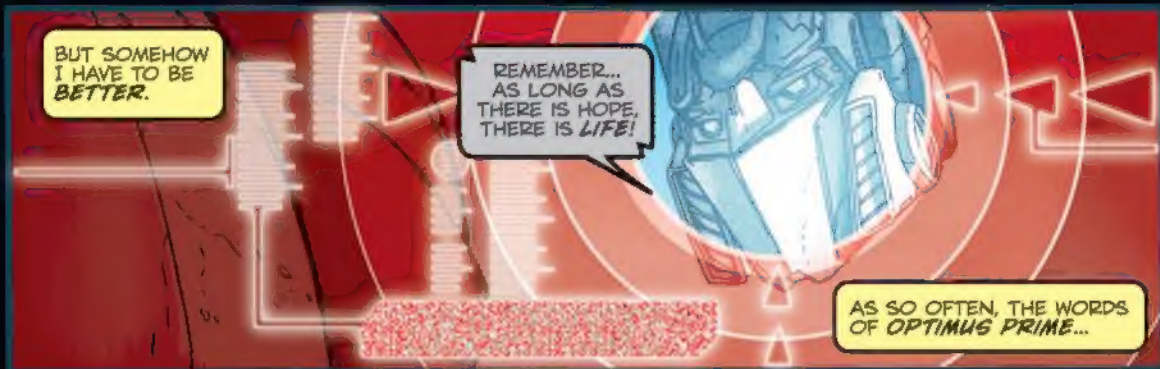






BARRICADE. I RECOGNIZE THE TACTICS IF NOT THE OUTWARD APPEARANCE.

HE'S *FASTER* THAN ME, *STRONGER*.



BUT SOMEHOW I HAVE TO BE *BETTER*.

REMEMBER... AS LONG AS THERE IS HOPE, THERE IS *LIFE*!

AS SO OFTEN, THE WORDS OF *OPTIMUS PRIME*...



...PROVIDE THE *INSPIRATION* I NEED!

I SIMPLY *MUST* PREVAIL—THE FATE OF *TWO PLANETS*... LIES WITH *ME*!

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